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On-Line Amateur Radio Maps

People may be interested in a new type of Amateur Radio Map which is freely available on EI8IC's website. The map is of use to all amateurs, whether HF or VHF based.

The problem with ordinary web-based and digital maps is that there is either too little or too much information on the screen. Tim EI8IC just completed a map of Europe, the first in a series of Overlay Maps, where the user can choose the amount and type of information displayed.

Any or all of the following details can be selected by the user; Country Outlines, CQ Zones, ITU Zones, Time Zones, Grid Locators, Country Names, Capital Cities, Prefixes and Flags.

The map can be saved in the normal manner for viewing off-line, and it can be printed using only the selected detail.

As the page is graphics-intensive (220kb) it takes approximately 30 seconds to load with a 56 kb modem, or 1 minute over a 28.2 kb connection. A pre-loader page is provided as an entry point. The address is www.qsl.net/ei8ic/grids/euro/preload.html or it can be accessed through the normal menu on EI8IC's website.

Tim would welcome any comments or suggestions for other maps.

IOTA Contest

Keep an ear open next weekend during the IOTA contest for Irish Islands on the air. There will be a few islands activated for the contest. One of the groups going is a mixture of three different clubs. EI2SDR (South Dublin Radio Club), EI7DAR (Dundalk Amateur Radio Society) and GN0XYZ (Glengormley Radio Club) have put together a team of 20 and are going to Inishboffin off the coast of Galway and will be using the call EJ5E. Those of you interested in W.A.I. the square will be L56 Galway. The team will be active on 80,40,20,15 and 10m during the contest on both SSB and CW, so please give us a call. We will also be active on 2m and 6m before and after the contest.

M40, County Clare

Paul EI6FE apologises to all that he has not yet been able to operate from M40 Co. Clare as promised some time ago. He has not forgotten about this rare square but has been waiting for the weather to clear up. Any good weekend so far has clashed with domestic duties. He still intends to activate this square. There will be plenty of advance notice of the operation.

XE1/EI7GK

Paddy EI7GK will be QRV from his daughters' house in Mexico for the rest of the month of July. Listen out for XE1/EI7GK on SSB on 14.268MHz, 18.115MHz and 21.317MHz and if conditions permit on 7.068MHz. He will be calling CQ for EI, GI and MI stations and will take part in the Irish hour on Sundays on 21.317MHz.

While Paddy is QRV from Mexico, Nuacht as Gaeilge will be read by EI6HY.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 24th of July 2002 at the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All members are asked to attend this meeting. More information is available on the news page of the SEARG website at www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg or by phoning Mark on 087-6302026.

DX News

BV9K/JR7TEQ, is planning to activate Kueishan in the Taiwan Coastal Islands (IOTA AS-155) under the special call sign BV9K between the 20th and 26th of July, and is planning to be active for the IOTA contest. QSL is via JR7TEQ.

K8FL, K8LEE, N9NS, W8GEX, W8ILC and WA8NJR will be operating between 40 and 6 metres inclusive, on SSB, CW and PSK31, as C6AJR from Eleuthera, Bahamas (IOTA NA-001), between the 24th and 31st of July. QSL is via W8GEX. The team will also be in the IOTA Contest operating as C6DX. QSL is via N8QET.

Upcoming Events

The IOTA (Islands On The Air) CW/SSB will take place on the 27th and 28th of July.

The International Lighthouse / Lightship weekend will take place on the weekend of the 17th and 18th of August 2002.

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